

NASDEV

Welcoming Message:

The President Speaks

The year 2021 was yet another year that have necessitated an era of egovernance, persistent health challenge amid COVID-19, mental health, Gender Based Violence (GBV) and economic depression. These pandemics remained a global prodigy and a modern global existing condition that affected any efforts to foreground human development which is an underlying chore for Higher Education. The National Association of Student Development Professionals (NASDEV) had also experienced these challenges brought and persisted through COVID-19 and survived through its resilience in ensuring that Higher Education practices continue to shape a new generation in finding expression in these existing complexities. The year 2022 is expected to be different as higher education is expected to find more ways of normalising through adapting to the experience of COVID-19 in providing more hope for intergeneration to come, in embracing new world and its fundamental changes. In this regard, NASDEV is expected to formulate strategic responses through radical shift in the national interest of finding its value within this persisting context.

It is important to acknowledged that as COVID-19 continued to surge, member institutions may have lost loved ones as the perish statistics climb and wish to send the strength of healing from their wounds. As we kept joining the clarion call for compliance with protocols, we shall persist to be ambassadors for this fundamental response to this health pathogen (COVID-19). The mounting call on the contradictions of approached to vaccine by universities had raised an alarm to stakeholders and this remain one of the important pillars to normalise in this abnormality. NASDEV noted that the existing contradictory sectoral constituent messages on vaccination in the sector are distinct by a thin line only on approaches than creating any impression that there is a stakeholder that is anti-vax. NASDEV is intending to consolidate its position as part of this year's governance process, and this will be a consultative process guided by our internal democratic nature.

The year 2022 is expected to be a year of rolling out massive activities that intended to reunite NASDEV after a massive focus in organisational development which NEC will take members into confidence in due course. These programmes intend to create a special focus on strengthening the association through the new pathways generated and experienced through COVID-19 and lead into the broader discussion of assessing professionalisation project. The NEC would soon engage in 2021 review process and decide on a broad action for 2022 and inform members accordingly as we continue to build an accountable association. Having cited the above, the President intends to release a monthly in-depth analysis of topical issues that are affecting the society and the sector with a view to grow festive of ideas that intends to sharpen our trajectory in building a new generation of hope and prosperity. This initiative could soon be a culture of ongoing dialogue and sharing insight expertise that shape the course of student development in a broader society.

It is with hope that 2022 be a year of comfort to all student development professionals and students in general. I therefore wish all member institutions the best of the best for student development year 2022.

Regards



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